

REMARKS

The Office Action raised an issue with regards to Figures 4 and 5 of the drawings. These drawings have been appropriately amended and marked as prior art.

In further reviewing the drawings, it was noted that minor amendments was believed to place the drawings in better condition for publication.

The Office Action indicates that the subject matter of Claims 7, 8 and 13 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

Additionally, Claim 14 was subject to a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112. It is believed the amendment to Claim 9, which incorporates the allowable subject matter of Claim 13, resolves these §112 issues.

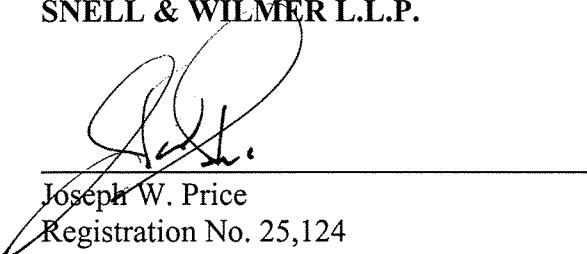
The subject matter of Claim 14 is now presented in newly drafted Claim 15, and it is believed that Claim 15 and the dependent Claims 16-18 are, accordingly, allowable.

In view of the submission of the replacement sheets and the acceptance of the allowed subject matter, it is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance and early notification of the same is requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the listed telephone number.

Very truly yours,

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